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Applicants: **Alfred H. Merrill, Jr. et al.**

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For: **METHOD OF ALTERING SPHINGOLIPID METABOLISM AND DETECTING
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on November 23, 2001 in the above-identified application be extended for one month, to and including January 23, 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(5) is enclosed. If this fee is insufficient, please charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

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